

## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

January 11, 2002

Mr. Joe Hull Project Manager Caltrans 2829 Juan Street San Diego, CA 92110

Subject: State Route 56 Middle Segment Coastal Development Permit No. 96-7285

Dear Mr. Hull:

This letter is written in response to a request by the Engineering and Capital Projects Department for our analysis of the need to amend the City-issued Coastal Development Permit (No. 96-7285) for the Middle Segment of the State Route 56 Freeway.

The Coastal Development Permit contains a provision that states "construction...must commence and be pursued within 36 months after effective date of the final approval..." which occurred on June 16, 1998. It is my understanding that construction on the State Route 56 project has commenced, although not specifically within the portion which lies in the City's coastal zone jurisdiction area, and that right-of-way acquisition has also commenced.

The permit is considered vested by the City if construction has started and is continuing on any part of the middle segment, even if that part is not in the coastal zone. In addition, if there are any large outlays of expenses following permit approval that are needed to commence construction (e.g., land acquisition costs, materials costs, etc.) these are generally considered actions vesting a discretionary permit. As a result, there is no need to amend the Coastal Development Permit No. 96-7285 to revise the provision regarding commencement of construction.

Sincerely,

Nick Osler,

Senior Planner, Development Services Department



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